

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Koji SHIBATA, et al.

Application No.: 09/925,960

Filed: August 10, 2001

For: METHOD OF SYNTHESIZING VOICE



Group Art Unit: 2641

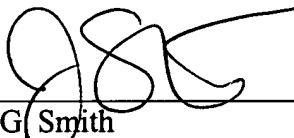
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, Applicants hereby claim the benefit of the filing date of Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-245863 filed August 14, 2000 for the above-identified United States Patent Application.

In support of Applicants' claim for priority, filed herewith is a certified copy of the Japanese application.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 840.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

1. This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed September 14, 2001.

A copy of the Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application is enclosed.

2. Declaration Or Oath

- ☒ No declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☐ The specification attached to the declaration is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto which were filed in the PTO to obtain the filing date.
- ☐ The declaration or oath which was filed was determined to be defective. A new original Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.



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3. English Translation of Non-English Language Papers

- ☐ Submitted herewith is a verified English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the PTO.

Also enclosed is the Verification of Translation Document

4. Small Entity Status

- ☐ Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is asserted for the present application.

5. Fee Calculation

			Basic Fee:	\$740.00
			Patent Application-\$740.00	
			Design Application-\$330.00	
	Number Filed	Number Extra	at a Rate of	
Total Claims	8 - 20 =	0	\$ 18.00 each	
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	0	\$ 84.00 each	
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any			\$280.00	
Missing Parts Surcharge Fee			\$130.00	\$130.00
			SUB-TOTAL =	\$870.00
			Reduction by 1/2 for filing by a small entity	
			SUB-TOTAL =	\$870.00
Fee For Application Filed With A Non-English Specification (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(k) and § 1.52(d))			\$130.00	
Fee For Processing and retention of application (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(l) and § 1.53(d))			\$130.00	
			TOTAL FILING FEE =	\$870.00

6. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(a)-(d), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Total months requested</u>	<u>Fee for extension</u>	<u>[fee for Small Entity]</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$1,960.00	\$980.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

7. Fee Payment

The total fee due is: Completion Fees \$ 870.00
Assignment Fees \$ 40.00

Total Fee Due \$ 910.00


- ☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 910.00 representing the total fee due and the assignment recordation fee.
- ☒ **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

8. Additional papers enclosed.

- ☒ Formal Drawings – 7 sheets containing 9 sheets
- ☒ Claim for Priority
- ☒ Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2000-245863 filed August 14, 2000
- ☒ Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet
- ☒ Assignment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ PTO Form 1449 w/1 reference
- ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Filed herewith are seven (7) sheets of formal patent drawings containing nine (9) figures. It is requested that these drawings be approved and made part of the official record in the above-identified patent application.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of these drawings, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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